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SUBJECT: CGE TRADE MISSION TO THE U.S.

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8753.

1. CGE HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PRODUCT CATEGORIES REPRESENTED IN THE MISSION: RACE HORSES, ALFALFA HONEY, FOOTWEAR, FRESH DECIDUOUS FRUITS (PARTICULARLY PEARS), FRUIT PASTE AND JUICE, ESSENTIAL OILS (ORANGE AND LEMON), ONIONS, AND GARLIC, PRESSING AND BAILING EQUIPMENT, GLASSWARE AND CROCKERY, LEATHER APPAREL, OTHER APPAREL, LINEN, TRAILER CHASIS, HOUSE PAINT, ELECTRIC CABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION, AUTO PARTS PHONOGRAPH TURNTABLES AND WATER AND GAS METERS.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ANY SECTION 22 OR ANY OTHER NEW RESTRICTIONS OF WHICH EMBASSY MAY BE UNAWARE APPLIED TO IMPORTS OF FRUIT, GARLIC, ONIONS AND HONEY.

3. MISSION ORGANIZERS HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING WITH WORLD TRADE CENTER OFFICIALS. WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC DISTRICT OFFICE ARRANGING.

4. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH OTHER CGE TRADE MISSION IN THE RECENT PAST, THIS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A SENATOR AND A UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTATIVE AT A FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL (WE ARE TOLD IT IS PROBABLE

THAT

RAUL LASTIRI, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, MAY GO IN REPRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESS). ADDITIONALLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONFEDERACION GENERAL DEL TRABAJO (CGT), THE ARGENTINE JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF, YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES (YPF), (THE STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, YACIMIENTOS CARBONIFEROS FISCALES (YCF)(THE STATE-OWNED COAL MINING COMPANY, THE JUNTA NACUONAL DE ARNES (THE ORGANIZATION WHICH ADMINISTERS THE GOVERNMENT'S MEAT POLICY), AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM A NUMBER OF THE SECRETARIATS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN ANY SPECIFIC NAMES. WE WILL ADVISE AS THESE BECOME AVAILABLE. THIS OFFICIAL GROUP WOULD SPEND A MINIMUM OF TIME IN NEW YORK AND WILL WISH TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS CONSULTING WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF USDOC, (BASED ON THE LIST OF PRODUCTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL PLUS THE LIST ABOVE) COULD ADVISE US, FOR CGE'S BENEFIT, WHICH OF THE PRODUCTS LISTED ABOVE AND THOSE IN REFTEL MIGHT NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT SALES POSSIBILITIES IN THE NEW YORK AREA.

6. FYI: WE ARE ADVISED THAT THE MISSION WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE A NUMBER OF ARGENTINE BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN PURCHASING IN THE U.S. AND IN WORKING OUT LICENSING AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. FIRMS. NONE HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED YET, HOWEVER.
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